

DECISION

**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-222880 **DATE:** April 24, 1986
MATTER OF: R. W. Cole Construction, Inc.

DIGEST:

Procurement by private firm using funds borrowed from the Farmers Home Administration is not a federal procurement and, therefore, protest of that procurement is not reviewable by GAO.

R. W. Cole Construction, Inc., protests the award of a contract for the construction of a waterworks improvement project to S & E Contractors, Inc., by Hudson Water Works, Inc. (Hudson).

This is not a federal government procurement. Rather, the record indicates that Hudson, apparently a private firm, is awarding this contract itself and merely is relying on a loan from the Farmers Home Administration to fund its project and, in particular, this contract. We do not review protests such as this, as they do not involve procurements by or for an agency of the federal government. GAO Bid Protest Regulations, 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(a) (1985); Sydnor Hydrodynamics, Inc., B-215487, June 27, 1984, 84-1 C.P.D. ¶ 684.

The protest is dismissed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Strong", is written over the typed name.

Robert M. Strong
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General Counsel